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	First Inventor	BACHMANN, Michel, Andre
	Title	CLOSURE SYSTEM FOR SURGICAL RING
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS <small>See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents</small>	ADDRESS TO: Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Arlington, VA 22313-1450
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 - ☒ Detailed Description
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee From Below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	20	- 20** =	0	X 9.00 = 0
Independent Claims	1	- 3** =	0	X 42.00 = 0
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1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
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1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
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1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
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1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive-unavoidable	
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1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1810	750	2810	375	For each add. invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited exam. of a design application	
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In re: **BACHMANN**

For: **CLOSURE SYSTEM FOR SURGICAL RING**

This application is claiming priority to a European Patent Application filed on 4 September 2002, under European Appl. No. EP-02 019936.0.

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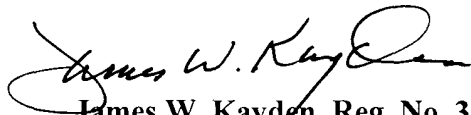
Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above case are the following documents:

- Return Postcard
- Utility Patent Application Transmittal Page
- Fee Transmittal Page
- Credit Card Payment Form
- A European Patent Application Consisting Of:
 - 20 Pages of Description;
 - 05 Pages of Claims (Claims 1-20)
 - 01 Page of Abstract
 - 02 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-5)
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